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For. **HEAT-RESISTANT CAST STEEL EXCELLENT IN AGED DUCTILITY AND
CREEP RUPTURE STRENGTH FOR HYDROGEN PRODUCING REACTION
TUBES**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of this application, please amend the
above-identified patent application as follows: